

PORTO RICAN BILL

Representative Payne, Chairman of Ways and Means Committee, on

GOVERNMENT FOR PORTO RICO.

Delivered a Masterly Speech in the House, Dealing With the Question and Advocating Such Measures as Would Bring to the People of the Island the Blessings of Living Under the Laws and the Flag of the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Representative Payne, of New York, chairman of the ways and means committee, and Republican floor leader, opened the debate on the Porto Rico tariff bill. He said, in part:

"An incident to the late war with Spain was the invasion of Porto Rico. From the moment the American army set its foot on Porto Rican soil the people seemed to receive them with demonstrations of joy, and the flag of the United States was received with delight. Whatever differences there may have been as to the policy of annexing the Philippine Islands, I know of no opposition anywhere to the annexation of this gem of the Antilles.

"This bill, by its terms, relates only to the island of Porto Rico. It cannot be taken as a precedent of any legislative action in reference to the Philippine Islands when the present insurrection still have been overcome, except in so far as we assert in it our view of our power under the American constitution.

Our Duty to Porto Rico.
"All agree that the first and most important duty we owe the Porto Ricans is to open up markets for them. In no other way can we allay the feeling of discontent likely to arise among a people who have realized so little in the change from Spanish oppression of four hundred years to the prosperity and liberty which follows the American flag.

The original bill introduced on the 19th day of January last, provided that the customs laws of the United States and the internal revenue laws be extended to Porto Rico. The idea was to give the producer of sugar the free entrance of this staple into the United States, saving a duty of over \$30 a ton. Under that bill the duty saved upon tobacco would be thirty-five cents per pound for the main portion of the crop and for the wrapper \$1.85 per pound.

The Revenue Needed.
"After consultation with General Davis, the present military governor, who has made a careful study of the conditions in Porto Rico, it was found that this action would not produce sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of the government. He estimated that not more than a million dollars could be collected from both customs duties and internal revenue tax. This sum would not pay the bare expenses of the government without appropriating a dollar for the public schools or roads. The substitute was then brought forward, which imposes a duty equal to our own tariff upon all articles imported from abroad, other than those of the United States, into Porto Rico, and a duty equal to 15 per centum of the rates of our own tariff laws on all articles imported into Porto Rico from the United States or from Porto Rico into the United States. The best estimates that can be obtained show that this will produce a revenue of \$1,750,000 from customs duties, which, added to the internal revenues of the islands, will produce \$2,500,000, a sum sufficient to pay all the expenses of the government, including the postal service, and also \$325,000 for the public schools. The total estimate of General Davis for the expenditures is \$1,950,000. The original bill, therefore, it would seem, means a bankrupt treasury; the substitute a surplus of \$500,000, which will meet some pressing needs of the establishment of common schools. The remission of 75 per centum of the duties on sugar and tobacco, which are now paid, means an annual increase of income to these people of \$2,300,000. This means the lifting of a mortgage from many a small plantation, better wages for the laborers, more money in circulation, and greater general prosperity. It means hope instead of despair. It means encouragement to the other agriculturalists, who will be stimulated

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"Nor will this bill injure any interests in the United States. With sugar at 25 per cent of the present duties the beet sugar industry will still grow and prosper; forty thousand tons a year ago, and one hundred thousand tons this year, it is destined in the near future to supply the place of all we import. As I had occasion to say in closing the debate on the conference report on the Dingley bill, with a beet sugar factory in every congressional district it will solve the question of the sugar trust.

Interests Identical.
"Nor does the American tobacco grower fear the importation of this four million pounds of tobacco. It will furnish a new market for the wrapper which he produces and will bring him gain instead of loss. We believe that the best interests of the people of Porto Rico and the best interests of the United States are both subserved in this bill.

"But our constitutional power is questioned. I do not propose to go into a discussion of the dictum of the supreme court or any decision bearing on this question. I find no case where the question was directly involved or which is decisive.

"It is now universally conceded that we have the power to acquire territory by conquest or by treaty. I find no limit in the constitution to this power.

We Have Absolute Power.
"In respect to Porto Rico, we are not hampered by treaty stipulations or by act of Congress. There has been no law extending the constitution over the island. In this it differs from the status of every formerly acquired territory. We have absolute power. This was claimed in the debate on the Louisiana case, and this contention prevailed. This principle was affirmed by Webster, Story and Benton, and a long list of statesmen and jurists.

The Cry of Imperialism.
"But now the opposition say this is Imperialism. You are but re-echoing the cry of the opposition of a hundred years ago. Still the majority moved on and the American people approved their course. The territory of Louisiana in the plenary powers given to the president survived and flourished until 1812, when part of it was organized into the territory of Missouri, with a legislature at that late date composed of a legislative council appointed by the president and an assembly elected by the people. Here, again, we had imperialism, but the fathers wisely waited until this people were fit for self-government before they extended the limitations and the privileges of the constitution to them. The same is true of the territory of Florida. Only a year and a half ago Congress, by a two-thirds vote in the house and a two-thirds vote in the senate, annexed Hawaii by an act modeled after the Florida and Louisiana acts. The debate was strong and furious, but according to my recollection, no gentleman in the opposition raised the cry of imperialism against the manner in which Congress asserted the right to its absolute power to provide any sort of government for this new territory. Nor is there danger in all this. Congress, representing the American people, is never swift to put the power of government into the hands of any people of the territory belonging to the United States.

Educate Them as Americans.
"As for the people of Porto Rico, I would move as fast as their own good will warrant. Pass this bill, which even the gentleman from Massachusetts, (McCall), admits is a well-considered measure from a fiscal standpoint, and give them better markets and abundant revenue. Do not tie down their destinies to the whim of 90 per cent illiterate or to the caprice of the 10 per cent of the educated, who have known no government except Spanish misrule. Keep them all in leading strings until you have educated them up to the full stature of American manhood and then crown them with the glory of American citizenship. In the meantime give them all the rights accorded to our own people under the constitution consistent with their best interests and happiness.

The Philippines.
"What shall we do with the Philippines? First stamp out insurrection and restore law and order. Then investigate and legislate with caution, always remembering their welfare and our own. If, in the meantime, the supreme court should declare that your interpretation of the constitution is not right, which I do not for a moment believe, then our task will be fraught with the greatest difficulties. But I believe that American statesmanship will, in that event, work out the problem to the elevation of the Philippine and the glory of our country. If we prove to be right in our contention, our task will be far easier, it will be safe to trust the American people and their representa-

tives. We will teach them the principles of the American constitution. In the meantime we will not ourselves forget those principles in our dealings with them. Our constant aim shall be to elevate them, and whether we incorporate them finally into our system, or send them forth among the nations of the world, we will vouchsafe to them the blessings of liberty. Whenever our flag goes up, it shall not come down without having first guaranteed under its fold the blessings of civilization, of liberty, and of sovereign citizenship."

SEEK GERMAN CONTROL.

The Recent Visit of Dr. Leyds to Berlin, It is Now Said, Was for the Purpose of Placing the Transvaal Under German Control Rather Than Submit to a British Ruler, as the Ultimate Outcome of the War Was Conceded to Be Fatal to the Republic.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: "A report is current in diplomatic circles in this city that Dr. Leyds had for his sole purpose in going to Germany the establishment of a German protectorate over the Boer republic.

The German emperor, it is believed, has been approached to ask to take charge of the Boer republic. The Boers, it is said, seem to realize that their defeat at the hands of England will be the ultimate result of the present war.

Rather than submit to subjection to Great Britain they will voluntarily come under the sovereignty of German empire under certain stipulations, which will guarantee their local self government. It is stated that President Kruger, realizing that the liberties of his people are in danger, and that the continuance of the republic is threatened, prefers a German emperor rather than an English ruler. The overture to the German emperor was made in the first place, it is reported, with a view to creating a rupture between England and Germany. This, however, was avoided, as it is understood that Emperor William declined to consider the proposition at least for the present. According to the report, Dr. Leyds, before leaving Berlin, prepared a secret treaty with Germany, in which that country was guaranteed certain rights. Although the text of the treaty is not known, it is said to give the German empire the greatest possible privileges, amounting almost to ownership in the Transvaal republic.

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Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Postmasters have been commissioned in West Virginia as follows: Alfred H. Cole, St. Mary's (presidential office); William M. Uppole, Pleasant Hill.

A change has been ordered in the star service on Route 16,184, Bruceton Mills, W. Va., to Fairchance, Pa. Hereafter mail will leave Bruceton Mills daily except Sunday at 5:10 a. m., and will leave Fairchance on the same days after the arrival of mail train from Pittsburgh, but not later than 1:30 p. m. An order has also been issued to supply the post-office at Elyndtown, Pa., both ways on this route, between Elyndtown and Fairchance, increasing the distance one mile.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Pensions have been granted to West Virginia applicants as follows: Original—Charles Barnell, Fort Gay, 35; James B. Tenney, Sago, 46. Increase—John C. House, Alton, 56 to 510; William R. Shepherdson, St. Mary's 514 to 517; Simon B. Titchener, Herring, 510 to 514; Alfred Newlon, Simpson, 518 to 517.

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President Garfield once said to a company of teachers: "I believe there is no profession in which there is so much danger of shrinking up in intellectual powers as that of teaching. I assign as a cause that teachers are too apt to imagine they have learned all that is necessary for them to know." There is much truth in this saying, and it would be well for all of us, who belong to the profession to ask ourselves whether we are going through the shrinkage process or not. If we are we owe it to the good of the profession to step down and out. While there is the danger referred to, there is no profession in which there is a greater opportunity for just the opposite being the case, and we might add that it is the duty of the teacher to grow intellectually all the time. There is no profession that gives better opportunity for this growth. The pay may be small, but the hours are short, and thus more time is given for mental growth from the reading of good books, and thus keeping pace with the movements of the great world, than is given to those in any other profession. In spite of all this, there are those in the profession who "have learned all that is necessary for them to know." What a pitiable sight this is! A man or a woman who thinks there is nothing more to learn. Such persons are puffed up with vanity, and cannot judge themselves as they do others. "O wud some power the giftie gie us to see oursel's as others see us." It is not the truly learned man or woman that is thus puffed up, but the one who has scarcely learned the alphabet of true wisdom. Teachers should be as "wise as serpents," if not as "harmless as doves," though the latter might well apply to the true teacher.

What do our pupils read? Are teachers keeping a watchful eye on what their pupils are reading? Are parents careful to know what their children are reading? We hear it said that crime is on the increase. This the writer doubts, but if it be so it comes mainly from the reading of those trashy books and papers. The remarks of a prominent New York judge on this subject are so pertinent that they are given in full, and the attention of parents is especially asked to their perusal. He says: "There can be no question as to the evil tendency of many of the flashy and sensational story papers that are sent from this city every week by the thousands. I have given some attention to this subject, and have traced more than one criminal to what I believe to be the influence of this kind of reading. Such papers are read by the youth of the land with a relish that no other sort of literature gives to the boyish mind. The effect is in every way most unhealthy. It engenders totally wrong views of life; fosters desires which are antagonistic to every principle of rational living, and by leading the youthful mind to the contemplation of brilliant achievements of pirates, robbers and other criminals, easily teaches it to disregard the counsel of parents and teachers. If there is any justification of public censorship of the press it would certainly seem to find warrant in the existence of these publications. I have been told there are upwards of twenty-five of these publications in this city, with a combined circulation of 375,000. This does not include dime novels, flashy song books and like publications. The evil influence of these publications is enormous." It would be well for every parent and every teacher to read these words, and to ponder them well. Coming from such a source, they ought to have great weight. This accounts for the great amount of crime in spite of all our schools are doing to stop it.

There will be perhaps 400 school boys in the parade on "Dewey Day." This is not a fair showing. There should have been at least 600 in line. Our larger boys seem averse to marching; those of the higher ranks, however, are closing ranks, and it is well that the boys, who will be the men in the years to come, should be willing to assist in paying this tribute. THE PEDAGOGUE.

PENNSYLVANIA ENGINEERS

In Session at Altoona—Increase Will Be Demanded.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 18.—A special to the North American, from Altoona, Pa., says:

"Two hundred delegates from all parts of the Pennsylvania railroad system between St. Louis and New York, representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive engineers, met in secret convention here to-day, to formulate a demand for an increase in wages.

"Chief P. M. Arthur, of the Brotherhood, presided over the session. Reports of conditions from each division on the system were made. The arduous work required on the big modern locomotives was brought forth and general complaint made against the system of non-payment for unavoidable delays necessitating extra work. A general increase of 10 per cent was finally recommended to be acted upon by the subordinate lodges.

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